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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 1, 2008, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2;
Remarks, beginning on page 5.

A fee in the amount of \$1,110.00 is being paid via credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby requests a 3-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. If the extension period requested herein is incorrect, Applicant requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.